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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty Docket No.: 407T-898010US
Client Ref: 2000-072-1

In re application of:

**KAREN REUE and MIKLÓS
PÉTERFY**

Application No.: 10/028,056

Filed: 12/19/2001

For: **A NOVEL GENE
ASSOCIATED WITH REGULATION
OF ADIPOSITY AND INSULIN
RESPONSE**

Examiner: unassigned

Art Unit: unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF MISSING
PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on January 28, 2002 containing instructions to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) An initial Computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing; and
- 2) An initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Please amend the claims and/or specification as follows

IN THE SPECIFICATION.

After the abstract, please delete the existing sequence listing and insert the accompanying substitute sequence listing (pages 1-26).

Delete paragraph 158, on page 45 and insert the following:

--[0158] The sequence requirement for the hairpin ribozyme is any RNA sequence consisting of nnnbn*gucnnnnnn (where N*G is the cleavage site, where B is any of G, C, or U, and where N is any of G, U, C, or A) (SEQ ID NO:12). Suitable lipin of recognition or target sequences for hairpin ribozymes can be readily determined from the lipin sequence(s) identified herein.--

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